



Wood Carvings in European Folk Crafts

Euramerican National Assembly



Agenda

- Dala Horses
- Easter Eggs
- Wooden Shoes
- Santa Figurines

Dala Horses



Dala Horses

- In the 1600's, in the Dalarna region of Sweden, a tradition of creating carved wooden horses was popularized.
- Known as *Dalahäst*
- Given as toys to young children originally
- Became a symbol of Swedish culture in the 1800's
- Still recognized that way today

Dala Horses

- Many different colors possible



Dala Horses

- The kurbit, or flower patterned saddle, became popularized and common



Dala Horses

- Many different sizes possible



Dala Horses



Dala Horses

- Also, painted patterns and needlework exists



Dala Horses

- Mixes Wood Carving and Folk Patterns



Easter Eggs

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- Wooden Easter Eggs were painted with Folk Patterns



Easter Eggs



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Wooden Shoes



Wooden Shoes

Wooden Shoes were common across all European peoples



Wooden Shoes

- In France, they were called ***Sabot***
- The Word ***sabotage*** comes from this word



Wooden Shoes

- Can be unpainted



Wooden Shoes

- Can be painted



Wooden Shoes



Wooden Shoes

- Can be carved



Wooden Shoes



Santa Figurines

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- Carving and painting of Santa Claus figurines is common



Santa Figurines

- Very common in Eastern Europe



Santa Figurines

- In Slavic culture, goes way back
- Known as Ded Moroz or Grandfather Frost
- Eventually synonymous with Santa Claus



Santa Figurines

- Santa Paintings and figures became common



Santa Figurines

- Developed into a fine art



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SUMMARY

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- We Euramericans have a rich folk art history brought over from our European roots
- Our culture and cultural crafts go back millenia



Summary

Experience and Love your cultural traditions



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